

# UTAH

A STATE OF OPPORTUNITY

## UTAH'S RÉSUMÉ IS SECOND TO NONE

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#### "MOST DYNAMIC ECONOMY"

– *Kauffman 2008 State New Economy Index*

- #1 "Inventor Patents"
- #2 "Online Population"
- #3 "Fastest Growing Firms"
- #6 "Venture Capital"

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#### "THE BEST MANAGED STATE IN THE NATION"

– *The Pew Center on the States*

The Center ranked the states based on how well they manage their budgets, staffs, infrastructure and information. States were graded on their recruitment and retention of qualified employees, their use of information and technology, management of budgets and purchasing systems, and planning for improvements to roads, bridges and other core infrastructure.

#### BEST-PERFORMING CITIES 2008

*Where America's Jobs Are Created and Sustained*

– *Milken Institute*

#### Top 25 Large Metros

- #1 – Provo-Orem, Utah
- #3 – Salt Lake City, Utah
- #18 – Ogden-Clearfield, Utah

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#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

– *Rich States Poor States*

*ALEC – Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index*

Based on 16 important state policy variables, Utah ranked number one in the nation for overall future economic outlook.

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#### TECHNOLOGY CONCENTRATION AND DYNAMISM

– *Milken Institute*

The Milken Institute is a nonprofit, independent economic think tank whose mission is to improve the lives and economic conditions of diverse populations helping business and public policy leaders identify and implement innovative ideas for creating broad-based prosperity.

#### UTAH TOP 10 STATES WITH STABLE REVENUES FOR 2009

– *National Conference of State Legislatures*

Utah's situation, thanks to conservative budgetary forecasts and not spending one-time money on ongoing needs, is much sunnier by comparison to other states. "Utah is in a relatively healthier fiscal situation than most states, and in fact, one of only 10 states to project a stable outlook for revenues" for the 2009 fiscal year.